2012 ELK
IMPORTANT HUNTING INFORMATION ONLY

WYOMING GAME AND COMMISSION

For Hunting Seasons and Boundary Descriptions refer to Chapter 7:

http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/HUNTING-1000179.aspx

For Hunt Area Map refer to:

http://wgfd.wyo.gov/web2011/Departments/Hunting/pdfs/REGULATIONS_CH7_SUMMAP0003026.pdf

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DISCLAIMER: The following sections are a condensed summary of applicable wildlife laws and other important information. This summary is in no way intended to alter the content or statutory intent of those laws. If you have any questions regarding the precise language, you can view a copy of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department Statutes (Title 23) and Wyoming Game and Fish Commission Regulations, available at Regional Offices, Cheyenne Headquarters, or consult the following websites: http://wgfd.wyo.gov or http://soswy.state.wy.us or http://legisweb.state.wy.us.

DEFINITIONS.

"Antlered" means a deer, elk, or moose that has visible antler growth plainly protruding from the skull. Where a minimum number of antler points are specified, points shall be counted on the side with the greater number of points.

"Antlerless" means a deer, elk, or moose that has no antler growth plainly protruding from the skull. Females and young-of-the-year without visible antlers are antlerless big game animals.

"Approved Landfill" means a municipal or county landfill permitted by the State of Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Solid Waste Rules and Regulations, Chapter 2 revised as of October 15, 1998, which does not include any later amendments or additions of the incorporated matter.

"Artificial Light" means any man-made light or lighting device which projects a light visible to the unaided eye outside of the device, or any battery-powered device that provides an enhanced ability to see in the dark.

"Bag Limit" means the maximum number of big game or trophy game animals that may be taken by an individual possessing a proper license.

"Bow and Arrow" means a longbow, recurve bow, compound bow or crossbow.

"Calf" means young-of-the-year elk or young-of-the-year moose.

"Cow" means an adult female elk or an adult female moose.

"Drainage" means all lands within the watershed of a named river or stream, including all tributaries and standing waters, which drain into that river or stream.

"Edible Portion of Big Game Animal" means the meat of the front quarters as far down as the knees, meat of the hindquarters as far down as the hocks, and the meat along the backbone between the neck and hindquarters including the loins and tenderloins, excluding meat on the ribs and neck.

"Hunt Area" means the geographic boundaries within which a license shall be valid.

"Irrigated Land" means agricultural lands that are supplied with supplemental water by ditches, pipes, flooding or spraying.

"Motorized Vehicle" means any vehicle powered by an internal combustion or electric engine.

"Muzzle-loading Firearm" means a muzzle-loading rifle having a barrel bore diameter of at least 40/100 of an inch and a charge of at least fifty (50) grains of black powder or equivalent; or a muzzle-loading specialty single shot handgun which has a barrel length of not less than ten (10) inches, a bore diameter of at least 45/100 of an inch and which propels a projectile of two hundred forty (240) grains at not less than five hundred (500) foot-pounds at one hundred (100) yards.

"National Elk Refuge Permit" means a permit that allows a properly licensed elk hunter to access the National Elk Refuge to take an elk.

"Off National Forest" means lands other than those administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

"On National Forest" means lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

"Park Permit" means a permit issued by Grand Teton National Park that allows a properly licensed elk hunter to take an elk within Grand Teton National Park.

"Point" means any protrusion from an antler one (1) inch or more in length.

"Private Land" means all fee title/deeded lands owned by a private individual, partnership, or corporation.

"Processor" means a custom meat processor licensed by the Wyoming Department of Agriculture.

"Public Road or Highway" means any roadway that is open to vehicular travel by the public. The road surface, the area between the fences on a fenced public road or highway, and an area thirty (30) feet perpendicular to the edge of the road surface on an unfenced public road or highway shall be considered the public road or highway. Two-track trails on public lands are not public roads.

"Regular Hunting Seasons" means seasons which delineate the

dates and hunt areas for the taking of big game or trophy game animals with legal weapons in accordance with the license types and limitations as set forth in Section 3 of Chapters 5 (Antelope), 6 (Deer), 7 (Elk), 8 (Moose), 9 (Bighorn Sheep), 24 (Mountain Goat), Section 10 of Chapter 3 (Black Bear) and Section 4 of Chapter 42 (Mountain Lion) of the Commission Regulations.

"Site of the Kill" means the location where the harvested animal died.

"Special Archery Seasons" means seasons that delineate the dates and hunt areas for the taking of big game or trophy game animals with legal archery equipment, in which a hunter with the proper hunting license and an archery license may hunt in addition to the regular hunting seasons in accordance with the limitations as set forth in Section 4 of Chapters 5 (Antelope), 6 (Deer), 7 (Elk), 8 (Moose), 9 (Bighorn Sheep) and 24 (Mountain Goat) and Section 11 of Chapter 3 (Black Bear).

"Spike Elk" means an elk with antlers consisting of a single unbranched beam on both sides.

"State Trust Land" means lands administered by the Office of State Lands and Investments.

"Type" means a limitation on a license in a particular hunt area for the sex of animal, the species of animal, the length of the season, the type of weapon or a portion of the hunt area in which the license shall be valid.

"Waste" means to leave, abandon, or allow to spoil any edible portion of meat from a big game animal, game bird, game fish or small game animal.

ATTENTION: HUNTER RESPONSIBILITY WHEN BOOKING AN OUTFITTER OR PROFESSIONAL GUIDE. No person shall directly or indirectly compensate a person holding himself out as engaging in the business of, or acting in the capacity of, an outfitter or a professional guide unless that person provides proof that he is a licensed outfitter or professional guide as required by this act. Any person violating this statute is guilty of a misdemeanor. Before hiring an outfitter, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department advises hunters to consult the Wyoming State Board of Outfitters and Professional Guides to verify the outfitter is licensed by the state of Wyoming. Hunters should also be aware landowners who outfit on their own deeded land, or deeded lands leased to them, are not required to be licensed as outfitters or guides. Contact: Wyoming State Board of Outfitters at 1950 Bluegrass Circle #280, Cheyenne, Wyoming, 82002 or call toll-free 1-800-264-0981.

PLACEMENT OF NAME OF OUTFITTER AND OUTFITTER'S LICENSE NUMBER ON BACK OF LICENSE. Any big or trophy game hunter utilizing the services of an outfitter shall legibly print the name of the outfitter, the outfitter's license number and the type of outfitter license on the back of the licensee's big or trophy game license.

ACCESS AND VEHICULAR TRAVEL ON LANDS ENROLLED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S PLPW WALK-IN AREA AND HUNTER MANAGEMENT AREA ACCESS PROGRAMS. Private lands enrolled in either a Walk-in or Hunter Management Area program only grants access to hunters or anglers for the species of wildlife and for the time periods specified in Department publications. Hunters/anglers wishing to use enrolled private lands for any other wildlife species, activity or time period must obtain permission from the owner or person in charge of the property. Travel by motorized vehicle is prohibited, except as otherwise stated. Department publications or signs shall serve as official regulations of the Commission and may advise of additional restrictions. The landowner or person in charge of the property may grant permission for motorized vehicle travel contrary to Department signs or publications.

AGE RESTRICTIONS. The minimum age to take any big or trophy game animal is twelve (12) years. Any person under the age of fourteen (14) years shall at all times when hunting be accompanied by a person over the age of majority (18 years of age) who possesses and can exhibit a hunter safety certificate or who currently holds, or has been issued a Wyoming big game hunting license within the last five (5) years. If the person accompanying the hunter under the age of fourteen (14) years is not the parent or guardian of the hunter, the hunter shall have in his possession a permission slip signed by his parent or guardian allowing him to hunt under supervision. Each accompanying adult shall supervise not more than one (1) hunter under the age of fourteen (14) years. Any person under the age of fourteen (14) years applying for a license to hunt big or trophy game animals shall have the application for the license co-signed by his parent or legal guardian.

ARCHERY LICENSES; SPECIAL SEASONS; PROHIBITION AGAINST FIREARMS; EQUIPMENT. Bow and arrow or crossbow are permissible equipment to take game animals. No person shall hunt big game or trophy game animals with bow and arrow or crossbow during a special archery hunting season without first obtaining an archery license and the appropriate hunting license. No person holding an archery license shall take big game or trophy game animals during a special archery hunting season or during a limited quota archery season by the use of any type of firearm. When hunting antelope, bighorn sheep, black bear, deer, mountain goat or mountain lion, the longbow hunter must be equipped with a longbow of not less than forty (40) pounds draw weight or possessing the ability to cast a hunting arrow of four hundred (400) grain weight at least one hundred sixty (160) yards. When hunting elk or moose, the longbow hunter must be equipped with a longbow of not less than fifty (50) pounds draw weight or possessing the ability to cast a hunting arrow of five hundred (500) grain weight at least one hundred sixty (160) yards. The crossbow hunter must be equipped with a crossbow of not less than ninety (90) pounds draw weight that has a minimum draw length of fourteen (14) inches (from front of bow to back of string in the cocked position), and a positive safety mechanism. Crossbow bolts must be at least sixteen (16) inches long. The broadhead of arrows or bolts shall be of sharp steel with a minimum cutting width of one (1) inch. Upon request by a game warden or other Wyoming law enforcement officer, a person who has taken a big or trophy game animal during a special archery hunting season or during a limited quota archery only hunting season shall allow testing of the animal's tissue for confirmation of compliance with this section.

Archery Hunting. No person shall hunt big game or trophy game animals with bow and arrow during a special archery hunting season without first obtaining an archery license and the applicable hunting license. An archery license shall not be required in addition to a limited quota license to participate in a limited quota archery

only season. Legal archery equipment and firearms may be used to hunt big game or trophy game animals during the regular hunting seasons as set forth in Commission regulations.

BAG LIMITS AND NUMBERS OF LICENSES. No person shall apply for or receive more than one (1) license for each big game species during any one (1) calendar year, except as otherwise provided in Commission regulations. The maximum bag limit for big game animals and trophy game animals for any person with the proper licenses and permits shall not exceed the following number of animals: one (1) elk per license; one (1) moose per license; one (1) bighorn sheep per license; one (1) mountain goat per license; one (1) antelope per license; one (1) deer per license; one (1) black bear per license; one (1) mountain lion per license.

BAITING OF BIG GAME ANIMALS PROHIBITED EXCEPT BY QUALIFIED PERSONS. Any legally blind person, person confined to a wheelchair or any person hunting with a license issued pursuant to
W. S. §23-1-705 (j) may place a bait for big game or take a big game animal by the use of bait.

BEAR PEPPER SPRAY REQUIRED WHEN HUNTING IN GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK (ELK HUNT AREAS 75 AND 79). All persons hunting elk in Grand Teton National Park shall carry and have readily available bear pepper spray.

ESTABLISHED CHECK STATIONS, MANDATORY REPORTING. Every hunter, angler, or trapper of furbearing animals shall stop and report at every check station on route to or from the hunting, fishing or trapping area regardless if the person has wildlife in possession. Upon request of any authorized Department representative, anyone who has been hunting, fishing, or trapping shall produce a valid license and conservation stamp, if required, and special management permit, if required, for game animals, game birds, furbearing animals or fish. Even if the game meat or fish in possession has been cut and wrapped or processed, the person transporting shall stop and report at the check station. Any person transporting wildlife harvested in another state or country shall stop at check stations on their route.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal disease of deer, elk and moose. Special regulations below were formulated to decrease the spread of the disease. Details about CWD, where it exists in Wyoming and testing for CWD can be found at http://wgfd.wyo.gov

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department will be collecting tissue samples at various check stations and meat processing facilities for CWD prevalence. Hunters wishing to have their animal tested outside the Department's surveillance program may have an animal tested at the Wyoming State Veterinary Lab (WSVL) in Laramie for a fee. Hunters need to contact the WSVL at 307-766-9925 for testing details and cost.

The Wyoming Game and Fish Department and public health officials recommend not eating any animal that is obviously ill and wearing rubber/latex gloves when field dressing an animal as a general precaution against all diseases.

TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL OF DEER, ELK AND MOOSE TAKEN FROM CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) HUNT AREAS WITHIN WYOMING. It shall be the purpose of this section to regulate the transportation and disposal of potentially CWD infected deer, elk and moose carcasses to areas outside of the hunt areas with CWD and potentially reduce the spread of the disease to other areas in and outside of Wyoming. Hunters may obtain current CWD information on the Department's website at http://wgfd.wyo.gov.

(a) No deer, elk or moose taken or possessed from any hunt area shall be transported to any other hunt area within Wyoming or to any other state, province or country except as provided in this section.

(b) Deer, elk and moose carcasses harvested from any hunt area in Wyoming may be transported within Wyoming to a camp, a private residence for processing, a taxidermist, a processor, or a CWD sample collection site in Wyoming, provided the head and all portions of the spinal column remain at the site of the kill or such parts are disposed of in any approved landfill in Wyoming.

(c) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, only the following parts of any deer, elk or moose harvested from any hunt area in Wyoming may be transported to any other hunt area in Wyoming: edible portions with no part of the spinal column or head attached; cleaned hide without the head; skull plate or antlers that have been cleaned of all meat and brain tissue; teeth; or finished taxidermy mounts.

(d) Only the following parts of any deer, elk or moose harvested from any hunt areas in Wyoming may be transported to other states, provinces or countries: edible portions with no part of the spinal column or head attached; cleaned hide without the head; skull plate or antlers that have been cleaned of all meat and brain tissue; teeth; or finished taxidermy mounts. Whole deer, elk and moose carcasses harvested from any area shall not be transported out of Wyoming.

(e) Nothing in this section shall allow for the removal of evidence of sex or species required by Section 6 of this regulation.

(f) Nothing in this section shall apply to the transportation or disposal of deer, elk and moose carcasses by any governmental agency or educational institution.

IMPORTATION OR TRANSPORTATION OF DEER, ELK OR MOOSE TAKEN FROM IDENTIFIED CWD AREAS OUTSIDE OF WYOMING.

(a) No deer, elk or moose taken from within any other state, province or country within areas designated by the appropriate jurisdictional agency as positive for CWD in either deer, elk or moose shall be imported into Wyoming except harvested deer, elk or moose carcasses may be imported or transported into Wyoming to a private residence for processing, to a taxidermist, to a processor or to a CWD sample collection site in Wyoming provided the head and all portions of the spinal column are disposed of in an approved landfill.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this Section, only the following parts of any deer, elk or moose harvested may be imported: edible portions with no part of the spinal column or head attached; cleaned hide without the head; skull plate or antlers cleaned of all meat and brain tissue; teeth; or finished taxidermy mounts that have been cleaned of all meat and brain tissue.

CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS. HUNTERS REQUIRED TO WEAR FLUORESCENT ORANGE CLOTHING. No person other than archers and crossbow hunters hunting during a special archery season or limited quota archery only season shall hunt any big or trophy game animal without wearing in a visible manner one (1) or more exterior garments that shall include a hat, shirt, jacket, coat, vest, or sweater of a fluorescent orange color. Fluorescent orange camouflage is legal. Muzzle-loader hunters participating in limited quota muzzle-loading seasons are required to meet the orange requirements.

CONSERVATION STAMP REQUIRED. Each person licensed to hunt or fish in Wyoming shall purchase one (1) conservation stamp valid for the calendar year. The stamp shall be signed in ink and shall be in the possession of the person while HUNTING OR FISHING. Hunters or anglers who acquire a lifetime conservation stamp or a conservation stamp authorization from the Department's computerized point of sale license issuance system shall not be required to meet the signature provision. Persons holding the following licenses are exempt from the requirement to purchase a conservation stamp while exercising hunting or fishing privileges under THESE licenses: daily hunting or fishing license; special limited fishing permit holders; or Wyoming fifty (50%) percent disabled veteran fishing license. Persons holding the following licenses are exempt from the requirement to purchase a conservation stamp while exercising hunting or fishing privileges under ANY Wyoming license. The person shall at all times be in possession of the license allowing the conservation stamp exemption while in the field: any Wyoming pioneer hunting or fishing license; Wyoming one hundred (100%) percent disabled veteran game bird, small game and fishing license; military combat general elk or general deer license; or military combat game bird or small game license. Conservation stamps may be purchased from Cheyenne Headquarters, Regional Offices, license selling agents throughout the state, and the Department's website at http://wgfd.wyo.gov. A lifetime conservation stamp may be purchased by applying to the Cheyenne Headquarters Office, License Section.

COUPONS; ANTELOPE, DEER AND ELK COUPONS; PAYMENT TO LANDOWNER; KILL ON FEDERAL OR STATE LAND. Antelope, deer and elk licenses shall have two (2) coupons attached: one (1) designated "antelope, deer or elk carcass coupon" and one (1) designated "landowner's coupon." When an antelope, deer, or elk is harvested on a landowner's private land, the landowner's coupon shall be promptly detached, dated, signed and delivered to the landowner. Landowner's coupons are not transferable. When an antelope, deer or elk is shown to have been killed on federal or state land, the licensee shall detach, date, and sign the landowner's coupon and mail or otherwise deliver the coupon to the Cheyenne office of the Department.

DATING AND DISPLAY OF GAME ANIMAL CARCASS COUPONS. When dating a carcass coupon, the entire wedge or block must be cut out for the day and month of the kill. The carcass coupon shall be attached to the carcass of any big game animal in such a manner as to be readily visible. When the animal is in transportation, the carcass coupon may be carried by the person accompanying the carcass so that the coupon will not be lost.

GUIDES REQUIRED; EXCEPTIONS; ISSUANCE OF RESIDENT GUIDE LICENSE. No nonresident shall hunt big or trophy game animals on any designated wilderness area, as defined by federal or state law, in Wyoming unless accompanied by a licensed professional guide or a resident guide. There shall be at least one (1) licensed professional guide or resident guide accompanying each two (2) nonresident hunters. A resident guide shall not guide more than two (2) hunters in any calendar year on any national forest, wilderness area, national game refuge, or national park. Any resident possessing a valid big or trophy game animal license shall apply for and receive a free resident guide license prior to guiding any nonresident in designated wilderness areas. A resident guide license may be obtained at no charge from Cheyenne Headquarters, Regional Offices and district game wardens.

HUNTER MENTOR PROGRAM. Any person born on or after January 1, 1966, who has not received a certificate of competency and safety in the use and handling of firearms may apply to the Department for a special authorization to take wildlife with the use of a firearm while being accompanied by a mentor. A special authorization issued to an individual shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of issue and shall be in the possession of the recipient at all times while in the field. The application may be obtained from Cheyenne Headquarters, Regional Offices or on the Department's website (http://wgfd.wyo.gov). No person shall apply for and receive more than one (1) special authorization to hunt with a mentor. Any person acting as a mentor to a mentee with a special authorization pursuant to this section shall not provide supervision for more than one (1) mentee at a time in the field and shall accompany the mentee at all times to provide constant supervision.

HUNTER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS. No person born on or after January 1, 1966, may take any wildlife by the use of firearms on land other than that of his own family, unless the person possesses and can exhibit a hunter safety certificate. Compliance will be checked in the field.

ISSUANCE OF DEER AND ANTELOPE LIMITED QUOTA LICENSES, REDUCED PRICE DOE/FAWN LICENSES, ELK LIMITED QUOTA LICENSES, AND REDUCED PRICE COW/CALF LICENSES.

(a) For deer, no person shall apply for and receive more than one (1) full price deer license through the initial drawing. After the initial drawing is completed, any person may apply for and receive up to two (2) full priced deer licenses provided that at least one (1) license is a Limited Quota Type 3 any white-tailed deer license valid for Hunt Areas 10-16, 22-24, 26, 34, 51, 55, 57, 59, 60, 62-66, 74-81, 88, 138-140, 142, 143 or 161. However, no person shall apply for and receive more than a total of two (2) deer licenses valid for the taking of antlered or any deer, of which not more than one (1) shall be valid for antlered or any mule deer.

(b) For deer, any person may apply for and receive a maximum of two (2) limited quota reduced price doe/fawn deer licenses through the initial drawing. In Hunt Areas 1-6, 8-15, 17, 19-23, 26, 32, 34, 37, 40, 41, 44, 45, 47, 49, 51, 65, 66, 88, 97, 109, 111, 112, 116, 120-122, 124, 125, 127, 157, 164, 165, 170 or 171, after the initial drawing is completed, any person may purchase up to four

(4) limited quota reduced price doe/fawn deer licenses. However, no person shall apply for and receive more than a total of four (4) limited quota reduced price doe/fawn deer licenses in these Hunt Areas. In Hunt Areas 24, 27, 29, 30 or 33 after the initial drawing is completed, any person may purchase an unlimited number of limited quota reduced price doe/fawn deer licenses.

(c) For antelope, no person shall apply for and receive more than one (1) full price antelope license through the initial drawing. After the initial drawing is completed, any person may apply for and receive up to two (2) full price antelope licenses. However, no person shall apply for and receive more than a total of two (2) full price antelope licenses.

(d) For antelope, any person may apply for and receive a maximum of two (2) limited quota reduced price doe/fawn antelope licenses through the initial drawing. After the initial drawing is completed, any person may purchase up to four (4) limited quota reduced price doe/fawn antelope licenses. However, no person shall apply for and receive more than a total of four (4) limited quota reduced price doe/fawn antelope licenses.

(e) For elk, no person shall receive more than a total of two (2) elk licenses in any one (1) calendar year. Any person may apply for and receive a maximum of one (1) general or limited quota full price elk license in a calendar year. Through the initial drawing period, any person may apply for and receive a maximum of one (1) reduced price cow/calf elk license. After the initial drawing period is completed, any person may receive up to two (2) reduced price cow/calf elk licenses.

(f) For bighorn sheep, any person may apply for and receive a maximum of one (1) limited quota full price bighorn sheep license and one (1) limited quota reduced price ewe/lamb license.

(g) It is a violation to apply for and receive more than the specified number of licenses allowed by Commission regulations.

LEGAL FIREARMS: Firearms; size of guns to be used in hunting big or trophy game animals. Except as otherwise provided, big or trophy game animals may only be taken with the following types of firearms: a firearm that has a barrel bore diameter of at least twenty-three hundredths (23/100) of an inch and is chambered to fire a center-fire cartridge not less than two (2) inches in overall length, including a soft or expanding point bullet seated to a normal depth; or a muzzle-loading rifle that has a barrel bore diameter of at least forty hundredths (40/100) of an inch and a charge of at least fifty (50) grains of black powder or equivalent, or a muzzle-loading specialty single shot handgun that has a barrel length of not less than ten (10) inches, a bore diameter of at least forty-five hundredths (45/100) of an inch and that propels a projectile of two hundred forty (240) grains at not less than five hundred (500) foot-pounds at one hundred (100) yards. In addition, it is legal to take big or trophy game animals with any other cartridge loaded with a soft or expanding point bullet, fired from a firearm that has a barrel bore diameter of at least thirty-five hundredths (35/100) of an inch, and generally delivers at least five hundred (500) foot-pounds of impact at one hundred (100) yards.

Firearms; automatic weapon or silencer prohibited. No person shall take into or possess in the game fields or forests of Wyoming any fully automatic weapon or device designed to silence or muffle the report of any firearm. Wyoming has no restrictive laws concerning firearms that may be legally possessed under the laws of one's home state. Firearms may be carried uncased in vehicles, although safety dictates that all firearms in a vehicle should be unloaded with action open.

LICENSE FRAUD PROHIBITED, INVALIDATION BY IMPROPER FEES. Wyoming Game and Fish licenses, permits, stamps, tags, or coupons shall not be altered by anyone other than authorized Game and Fish Department personnel. No license, permit, stamp, tag or coupon shall be transferred, or used for the purpose of taking wildlife except by the individual to whom it was issued and therein named and while in that individual's possession. No individual shall take or attempt to take any wildlife using another individual's license, permit, stamp, tag, or coupon. Any license, tag, permit or stamp shall not be valid unless the proper fees have been received by the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. Any Wyoming Game and Fish law enforcement officer may seize as evidence any license, tag, stamp or permit that was obtained in violation of Commission regulations or Wyoming statutes.

OPEN HOURS FOR TAKING BIG GAME AND TROPHY GAME ANIMALS. Big game and trophy game animals may only be taken from one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.

PERMISSION TO HUNT, FISH OR TRAP. No person shall enter upon the private property of any person to hunt, fish or trap without the permission of the owner or person in charge of the property. The license must bear the signature of the landowner, lessee, or agent of the owner on whose private property he is hunting or the legitimate proof as evidence that permission to hunt has been granted.

PRECAUTIONS WHEN HUNTING IN AREAS OCCUPIED BY GRIZZLY BEARS. Hunters and anglers are reminded that many areas in and around the Bridger-Teton, Shoshone, and Caribou-Targhee National Forests in northwest Wyoming are occupied by grizzly bears. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department strongly recommends individuals working and recreating in these areas take precautions, including carrying bear pepper spray, to avoid conflicts with grizzly bears. Information about human safety in occupied grizzly habitat and proper storage of food and other attractants is available from Regional Offices and Cheyenne Headquarters, U.S. Forest Service Offices, and the Department's website at http://wgfd.wyo.gov. Regulations concerning human activities in occupied grizzly habitat and food/carcass storage can be obtained from the Forest Service. Report conflicts with grizzly bears to the nearest Regional Office.

PROHIBITED ACTS. IT IS ILLEGAL TO:

- Shoot or attempt to kill any wildlife from any public road or highway. No person shall fire any firearm from, upon, along, or across any public road or highway. No person shall knowingly fire any rifle from the enclosed lands of one person onto or across the enclosed lands of another without the permission of both persons.
- Use any dog to hunt, run or harass any big or trophy game animal, protected animal or furbearing animal except as otherwise provided by statute.
- Take and leave, abandon or allow any game bird, game fish, or game animal (except trophy game animal), or edible portion, to intentionally or needlessly go to waste.

- Transport illegally taken wildlife across state lines; such transportation is a violation of the Federal Lacey Act.
- Place any bait for the purpose of taking a big game animal or knowingly take a big game animal by the use of bait.
- Allow the edible portions of a big game animal to spoil. Failure to properly dress and care for any big game animal you have killed, and, if the carcass is reasonably accessible, within forty-eight (48) hours to take or transport the carcass to your camp, and there properly care for the carcass is prima facie evidence of a violation.
- Abandon meat from a big game animal or game bird at a meat processing plant. Unless there is an express agreement between the processing plant and the person providing otherwise, any person leaving meat from a big game animal or game bird at a meat processing plant for more than forty-five (45) days is prima facie evidence of a violation if written notice of the expiration of time has been attempted by the processing plant in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Game and Fish Commission.
- Carry a firearm with a cartridge therein or take any wildlife while intoxicated or under the influence of any controlled substance.

RETENTION OF EVIDENCE TO IDENTIFY SEX, SPECIES AND HORN OR ANTLER DEVELOPMENT OF BIG GAME ANIMAL HARVESTED. Any person who takes any big game animal in a hunt area where the taking of either sex, species, or antler or horn development is controlled or prohibited by regulation shall comply with this section while said animal is in transportation from the site of the kill to the residence of the person taking the animal, or delivered to a processor for processing.

(a) In hunt areas where the taking of any big game animal is restricted to antler point or horn size by regulation, the antlers or horns shall accompany the animal as a whole, or edible portion thereof.

(b) In hunt areas where the taking of any big game animal is restricted to a specific sex of animal by regulation, either the visible external sex organs, head or antlers shall accompany the animal as a whole, or edible portion thereof.

(c) In hunt areas where the taking of a species of deer is controlled or prohibited by regulation, either the head or the tail of the deer shall accompany the animal, or edible portion thereof as evidence of the species taken.

RETRIEVAL OF EDIBLE PORTIONS OF GAME MEAT FROM THE FIELD. The Department may require substantive proof from any person who fails to retrieve from the site of kill all edible portions of a big game animal as to why the edible portions were not removed from the field.

SHIPPING GAME ANIMALS OUT OF STATE. No big or trophy game animal, or any part thereof, shall be shipped or transported from the state unless accompanied by the licensee who harvested the animal, in possession of a proper coupon, or unless the amount does not exceed twenty-five (25) pounds and is properly tagged with a Wyoming interstate game tag. Only twenty-five (25) pounds from any one (1) big or trophy game animal may be exported from the state except as otherwise provided; the part to be exported from the state is of a nonedible trophy or hidelike nature and properly tagged with a Wyoming interstate game tag; the big or trophy game animal was legally harvested by a nonresident and is tagged with a Wyoming interstate game tag.

SHIPPING GAME ANIMALS WITHIN WYOMING. No person shall ship, transport, or receive for shipment or transportation within Wyoming any game animal, game bird, or any part thereof, unless tagged with a Wyoming interstate game tag, or unless the transportation is by a person accompanying the carcass of a big or trophy game animal who is in possession of a proper coupon or the transportation is by a properly licensed game bird or small game hunter in possession of not more than his daily bag or possession limit.

TAKING PREDATORY ANIMALS AND PREDACIOUS BIRDS. Predatory animals and predacious birds may be taken without a license.

USE OF AIRCRAFT, AUTOMOBILES, MOTORIZED AND SNOW VEHICLES AND ARTIFICIAL LIGHT FOR HUNTING OR FISHING PROHIBITED; EXCEPTION. No person shall harass, pursue, hunt, shoot, or kill any Wyoming wildlife except predatory animals with, from, or by use of any aircraft, automotive vehicle, trailer, motor-propelled wheeled vehicle, or vehicle designed for travel over snow. No person shall use any aircraft to aid in the taking of any Wyoming wildlife, except predatory animals, whether by spotting or locating the wildlife, communicating with any person attempting to take the wildlife, or by providing other aid to any person taking the wildlife. Nothing in this subsection shall apply to the use of any aircraft by governmental agencies, their employees, contractors or designees performing any lawful duties. No person shall take any wildlife with the aid of or by using any artificial light or lighting device except that predators may be taken with the aid of an artificial light or lighting device by:

(i) A public officer authorized to control predators;

(ii) A landowner, resident manager, or person with the landowner's or a resident manager's written permission, on land under the landowner's control for the protection of his property.

It is prima facie evidence of a violation if a person uses an artificial light in an area that may be inhabited by wildlife while having in his possession and control any device for taking wildlife. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the hunting on foot of raccoon with the aid of a handlight, provided the hunter is accompanied by a raccoon hunting dog and, if hunting on private lands, has the written permission of the landowner or his agent.

USE OF AIRCRAFT TO SPOT OR LOCATE WILDLIFE. No person shall use any aircraft to aid in the taking of any Wyoming wildlife, except predatory animals, whether by spotting or locating the wildlife, communicating with any person attempting to take the wildlife, or by providing other aid to any person taking the wildlife within twenty-four (24) hours of being airborne. This shall not apply to commercial, commuter or other aircraft used for the sole purpose of passenger transport.

WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT STAMP. The Wyoming Legislature created the Wyoming Animal Damage Management Board to manage rabid wildlife, mitigate damage caused to livestock, wildlife and crops by predatory animals, predacious birds and depredating animals, and protect human

health and safety. The legislation developed several sources of funding for the Board to carry out its responsibilities including the creation of a WILDLIFE DAMAGE MANAGEMENT STAMP. The fee for this stamp will be established annually by the Animal Damage Management Board. Those interested in funding the activities of the Board may voluntarily purchase the stamp at all Wyoming Game and Fish Commission license selling agents, at Regional Offices and at Cheyenne Headquarters. Purchase of the stamp is not mandatory, but does provide sportsmen a voluntary means to fund predator management.

WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT. Wyoming is a member of the Wildlife Violator Compact. The Compact enables a violator from any state that is a member of the Wildlife Violator Compact to accept a wildlife citation and proceed on his way without being required to post an appearance bond unless the violation requires MUST APPEAR and NO BOND ACCEPTED. The Compact recognizes the suspension of wildlife license privileges of any person in his home state whose license privileges have been suspended by a participating state. If you have had your privileges suspended in any of the participating states, you may lose your privileges in Wyoming, in addition to all the participating Compact states. Additional information about the Compact can be obtained by contacting the Wildlife Law Enforcement Coordinator at (307) 233-6413.

WIND RIVER RESERVATION. Only non-Indian owned, fee title lands are open to the taking of wildlife with a Wyoming license. Land status is complicated and lawful access must be investigated thoroughly. Sportsmen are advised it is their responsibility to determine land status prior to entering these areas.

General Information for Grand Teton National Park and National Elk Refuge

The National Elk Refuge season shall remain open until December 16, or could close on 48 hours notice when management goals are attained.

National Elk Refuge permits are available online through the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's website http://wgfd.wyo.gov. The application period will be August 14 through September 25 at 5:00 p.m. The draw results will be tentatively released on September 28. National Elk Refuge permits for unfilled hunt periods and alternate permits shall be available on the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's website. Computer and Internet access are available at the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Jackson Regional Office and at the Jackson Hole Greater Yellowstone Visitor Center.

A youth only elk hunt will take place on the National Elk Refuge, Elk Hunt Area 77, on October 6-7. Only youths age 12 through 17 are allowed to hunt elk on those days.

The Hunter Mentor Program is not valid in Elk Hunt Areas 75 and 79 in Grand Teton National Park.

The disabled hunter season that allows a qualified disabled person to hunt elk five (5) days prior to the earliest opening date is not valid in Elk Hunt Areas 75 and 79 in Grand Teton National Park and Elk Hunt Area 77 on the National Elk Refuge. The Disabled Hunter Companion Permit is not valid in Elk Hunt Areas 75 and 79 in Grand Teton National Park and Elk Hunt Area 77 on the National Elk Refuge.

Grand Teton National Park Permit holders for elk hunt areas 75 and 79 shall carry and have readily available bear pepper spray while exercising the privileges of a Park Permit.

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STOP POACHING HOTLINE	1-877-WGFD-TIP (943-3847)	1-307-777-4330
STOP POACHING SUBMIT TIP website at: http://wgfd.wyo.gov		
For more information and materials call: 1-307-777-4600 or visit our website at http://wgfd.wyo.gov		

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